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July/August 2021 RAC Feedback
July 13, 2021 4:44 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the 2021–22 furbearer recommendations? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2021–22 cougar recommendations? Strongly agree

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July 14, 2021 7:34 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the 2021–22 furbearer recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? I chased bobcat all winter and all though there where a few more then the previous year I do not think 6 tags is a good idea

Which best describes your position regarding the 2021–22 cougar recommendations? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? Although I don't like the extermination feel to the sheep areas I agree on the rest

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July 15, 2021 8:31 am

Which best describes your position regarding the 2021–22 cougar recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

How is a healthy mountain lion population more important than a healthy deer herd? I can't believe that you'd recommend decreasing any units when the deer hunting sucks so bad most people I know are happy not to go. Last year in the Morgan/Southern we went when the split season opened and saw 4 lions in one day and no deer. Saving lions does not save deer!

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July 21, 2021 1:18 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the 2021–22 furbearer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

Just because some parameters are met to indicate a bigger harvest wouldn't decimate the bobcat population in Utah, it does not mean the increased harvest should happen. There is no ecological reason to increase the hunting/trapping of bobcats. The only reason for these changes are to increase sales of permits to generate revenue for the DWR, which is not something that serves Utah's wildlife or Utah's public. Trapping is a cruel and indiscriminate practice. Many states have banned it, most recently including New Mexico. I do not want to worry about wild animals or my own family member becoming trapped in one of these horrific devices.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2021–22 cougar recommendations?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I appreciate that Daren mentioned carrying capacity as part of what determines ungulate populations. Ungulate populations are determined by complex factors and are not just a singular problem of too many predators. The new legislation that requires the DWR to act when ungulate populations are less than management goals completely neglects basic ecological principles. Simply removing predators from the equation does not accomplish anything, but it will result in a cascade of unintended ecological consequences. Justifying cougar harvest by noting ungulate population decline is nonsensical and unethical. I heard no mention of Chronic Wasting Disease in Daren's presentation. The DWR is willing to spend thousands (maybe millions?) on this problem, when a free solution is within its control. Allow cougars to thrive and they will reduce the spread of CWD.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2021–22 furbearer recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations?

I do not see the ecological justification for increasing the bobcat harvest. This seems to be simply a measure to give hunters and trappers as much "opportunity" (wildlife to kill) as possible, which I assume generates revenue for DWR through the selling of permits.

My objections to the proposals are that bobcats play an essential role in ecosystems throughout Utah and just because their population may be stable according to some parameters outlined in Daren's presentation, it does not mean more should be slaughtered.

Trapping is cruel and indiscriminate, which is why most developed countries and many states in the US have banned trapping (most recently, New Mexico!). Trapping is cruel to begin with and shouldn't be legal anywhere. With more trapping permits and a longer season, there is more likelihood for unintended victims.

Many many more Utahns enjoy wildlife watching or photography than hunting. The best interests for wildlife and Utah's public would be to allow bobcats to thrive, not maximize hunting opportunities.

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July 23, 2021 10:44 am

Which best describes your position regarding the 2021–22 furbearer recommendations? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these recommendations? You do not have an ecological justification for increasing the bobcat harvest.
